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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 212**

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**Introduced by Senator Florez**

February 23, 2009

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An act to amend Sections 17578 and 17579 of, and to add Section 33134 to, the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 212, as amended, Florez. Pupil health: communicable diseases.

~~(1) Existing~~

*Existing* law requires the governing board of each school district maintaining a high school to provide for the annual cleaning, sterilization, and necessary repair of football equipment of their schools and requires that all football equipment actually worn by pupils to be cleaned and sterilized at least once a year.

This bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* the governing board of each school district maintaining a high school to provide for the annual cleaning and sterilization of wrestling equipment and would specify that wrestling equipment used multiple years may be cleaned and sterilized as specified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. The Superintendent and state board would be required to develop and approve, respectively, information and guidelines on the prevention of communicable diseases at schoolsites. The information and guidelines would be required to address, at a minimum, the maintenance of locker rooms, athletic equipment, and synthetic ground covers used for athletic fields and ways to minimize the spread of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and meningococcal disease. The Superintendent would be required to post the information and

guidelines on the department's Internet Web site. ~~By requiring school districts to annually clean and sterilize wrestling equipment, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~*no*.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 17578 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 17578. The governing board of each district maintaining a high  
4 school shall provide for the annual cleaning ~~and sterilizing of~~  
5 ~~football and wrestling equipment and the, sterilizing, and~~ necessary  
6 repair of football equipment of their respective schools pursuant  
7 to Sections 17579 and 17580 *and may provide for the annual*  
8 *cleaning and sterilizing of wrestling equipment.*

9 SEC. 2. Section 17579 of the Education Code is amended to  
10 read:

11 17579. (a) All football equipment actually worn by pupils  
12 shall be cleaned and sterilized at least once a year. Football  
13 equipment used in spring training shall be cleaned and sterilized  
14 before it is used in the succeeding fall term.

15 (b) Wrestling equipment used multiple years may be cleaned  
16 and sterilized as specified by the Superintendent and the state board  
17 pursuant to Section 33134.

18 SEC. 3. Section 33134 is added to the Education Code, to read:

19 33134. The Superintendent shall develop information and  
20 guidelines regarding the prevention of communicable diseases at  
21 schoolsites and submit the information and guidelines to the state  
22 board for its approval. The information and guidelines, at a  
23 minimum, shall address the maintenance of locker rooms, athletic  
24 equipment, and synthetic ground covers used for athletic fields  
25 and ways to minimize the spread of methicillin resistant

1 Staphylococcus aureus and meningococcal disease. The  
2 Superintendent shall post the approved guidelines on the  
3 department's Internet Web site.

4 ~~SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~  
5 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~  
6 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
7 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
8 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~

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